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SRI S. NATARAJAN : Sir, since there is demand from a large number of pupils for English medium in the Convent schools where the number of seats restricted, will the Government consider the possibility of opening additional classes in the secondary schools to meet the demand?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is wrong to think that it is for the English medium that children go there. As a matter of fact, that is a better type of education because of the special attention paid to the children there. If we can have Tamil medium schools with the same facilities and with the same type of education, I am sure they also would be overcrowded, and I am saying this with a certain amount of experience.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Sir, in view of the statement of the Hon. the Finance Minister that the other schools are better, will the Hon. Minister tell us what steps will be taken to improve the quality of our schools to bring them in line with the Convent schools?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It entirely depends upon the quality of the teachers. If we can have Graduate teachers for primary schools also, we can certainly improve the level of education. But, unfortunately, with our limited resources and with our object of bringing all the children into school, certainly we cannot adopt this method. But certain special schools adopt this method of having very well-trained teachers even for the primary classes. That is the attraction, and not the English medium of instruction.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is the Hon. Minister aware of such cases as a Missionary society opening schools, with both English medium and Tamil medium, and requiring students to pay very heavily for the English medium and charging a small fee or nothing for Tamil medium students, and yet having five times the number of students in the English medium class and practically an empty class in the Tamil medium?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes. It is a psychological factor that because high fees are charged in the English medium class, that class would be much more valuable. If we should charge for the Tamil medium class the same high fee, I think the Tamil medium class also would have the same number.

Madhavaram Colony

* 112 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the progress so far made in the Madhavaram Colony and when it is likely to be completed;

(*b*) the amount of State loan so far granted;

(*c*) whether any foreign aid has been received and, if so, the amount thereof; and

(*d*) the quantity of milk available for sale?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The buildings for the first unit of the Colony for accommodating 500 milch animals have been completed and 500 animals are now in the Colony. The construction of buildings for three additional units and the Central Dairy has already been taken on hand. The entire project is expected to be completed towards the end of the Second Five-Year Plan period.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) No foreign aid has been directly received by the State Government for the project. The New Zealand Government have offered a free gift of about Rs. 29 lakhs to the Government of India for the project for being passed on to this State Government by way of subsidy and loan.

(*d*) About 5,100 lb. per day.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: There is demand in the various localities for these depots to be located so that they may get good milk. May I know whether there is any proposal to increase the supply of milk by opening depots in the areas of supply?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: This will be taken up when more units come to function.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR: How many measures per day?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: It is about 5,100 lb. per day.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR: I do not understand it in pounds. Will the Hon. Minister kindly give it in measures?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Perhaps, four lb. make one Madras measure.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: May I know, Sir, whether the coming up of this conoly, which permits the supply of good milk, has got any effect on the existing milk supply in the matter of adulteration? (Laughter).

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: This milk is pure milk, and I do not think it would have any effect on adulteration. If at all there should be any effect, more water should be available for adulteration. (Laughter).

Industrial Co-operative Societies.

* 113 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Industrial Co-operative Societies have been opened for fisher-women, if so, the places at which such societies function and the nature of their activities; and